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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the action mailed November 3, 2004, applicants elect the invention of Group I (claims 1-14 and 16-24). The election is made with traverse.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the restriction requirement with respect to Groups I and II. Claim 15, the sole claim of Group II, depends from claim 12 (Group I) and should be included in the same group as claims 1 and 12.

Claim 12, which depends from claim 1, reads, "A composition comprising an isolated, single-chain pro-urokinase ("pro-UK") mutant polypeptide produced according to the method of claim 1, wherein at least 96% of the protein in the composition is the single-chain pro-UK mutant polypeptide."

Claim 15 reads, "The polypeptide of claim 12, wherein the pro-UK mutant is M5."
Claim 15 thus specifies a particular pro-UK mutant polypeptide made by the method of claim 1. Accordingly, claim 15 should be included in the same group as claims 1 and 12 (Group I).

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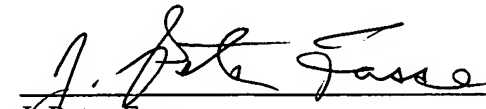
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